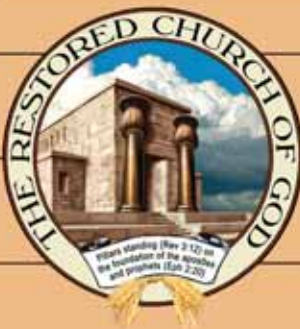


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CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



Jacob and His Family



LEVEL 1
LESSON 8

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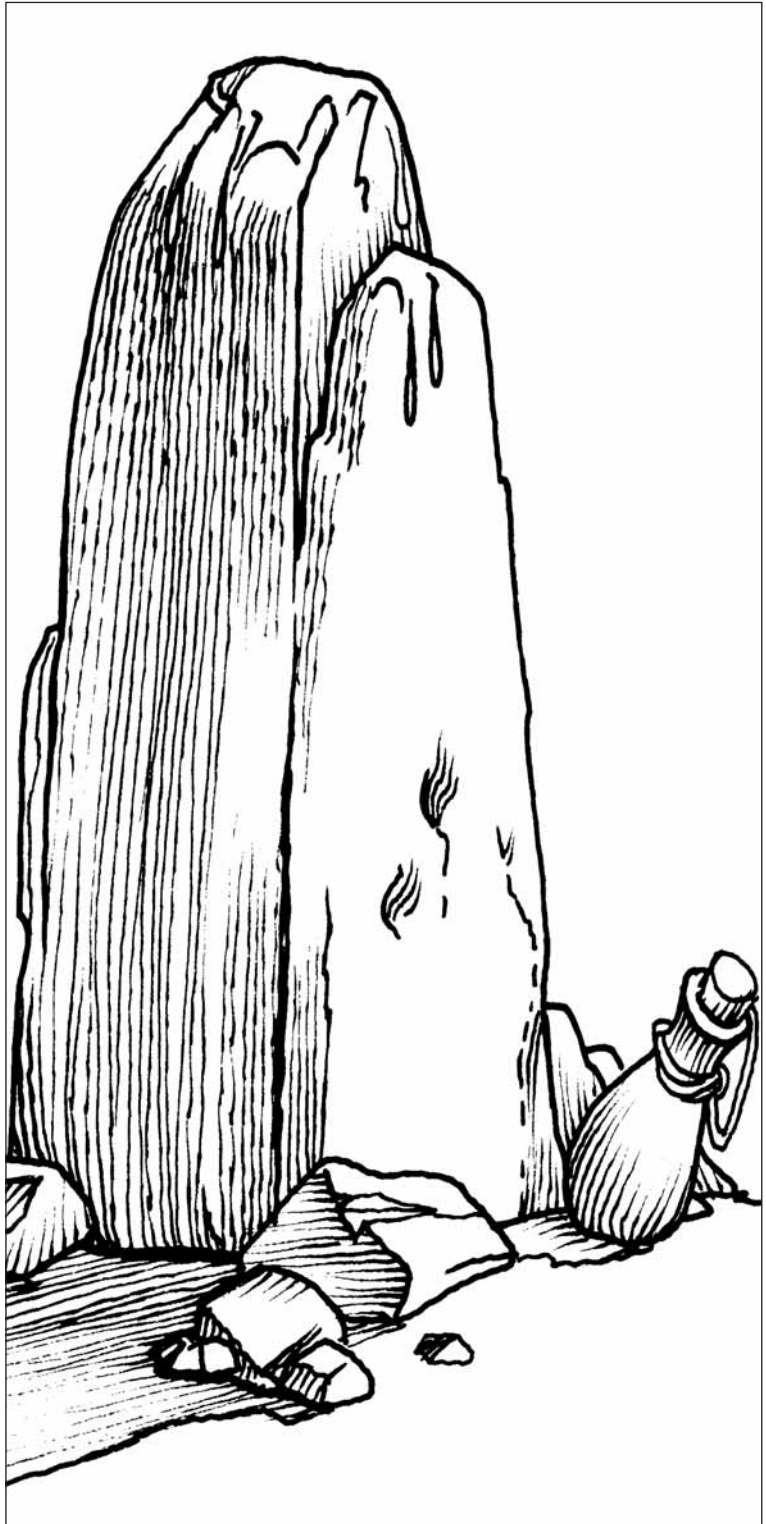
The previous Lesson ended with Jacob fleeing to his Uncle Laban because Esau wanted to kill him for stealing his birthright. It was a long journey. He traveled for many days.

One night, he decided to rest. He slept on the ground using a large stone as his pillow. During the night, Jacob



had a dream. He dreamt about a long ladder reaching from the earth up to heaven. On the ladder were many angels going up and down. At the top of the ladder was God. He spoke to Jacob and passed on the same promises He had given to Abraham and Isaac. God promised to Jacob and his many descendants (as many as the dust of the earth) a large amount of land and many blessings.

After waking up, Jacob stood the rock upright like a pillar. This marked the place where he had his dream. He poured oil on it and named the place Bethel. This means a place of God.



Jacob soon came to a well. He saw shepherds getting water for their flocks of sheep. Laban's daughter

came to the well to get water for her father's flock. Jacob introduced himself to her. He learned that her name was Rachel, and that they were cousins. Jacob was so happy to find his relatives that he wept.

Rachel hurried home to tell her father about Jacob. Laban was excited. He invited Jacob to stay with his family. He stayed with Laban and worked for him. He helped tend the flock because he was a shepherd. Remember, Jacob was a shepherd back in Canaan, while Esau was a hunter.

Jacob made a deal with Laban to work for seven years so he could marry Rachel. When the seven years were finished, Jacob married her. It was custom for the bride's face to remain covered until after the marriage. When Jacob uncovered his bride, he was surprised to find that he had married Leah instead of Rachel. Leah was Rachel's older sister. Laban tricked Jacob. Laban explained that it was custom for the eldest daughter to marry first. Just as Jacob had tricked Esau a few years earlier, Laban had tricked Jacob. Jacob now knew how terrible it felt to be tricked.

Jacob was not pleased. He wanted to marry Rachel so badly that he made another deal with Laban. They agreed that Jacob would receive Rachel as his wife at the end of one week. But this would only happen if Jacob worked another seven years. After the week, Jacob and Rachel married.



Jacob loved Rachel more than he loved Leah. God took note of this. Through the next many years, Leah bore Jacob children, but Rachel did not. She was barren. Leah had six sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. Leah's handmaid, Zilpah, also bore two sons for Jacob: Gad and Asher. Since Rachel could not have children, her handmaid, Bilhah, had two sons for her. Their names were Dan and Naphtali.





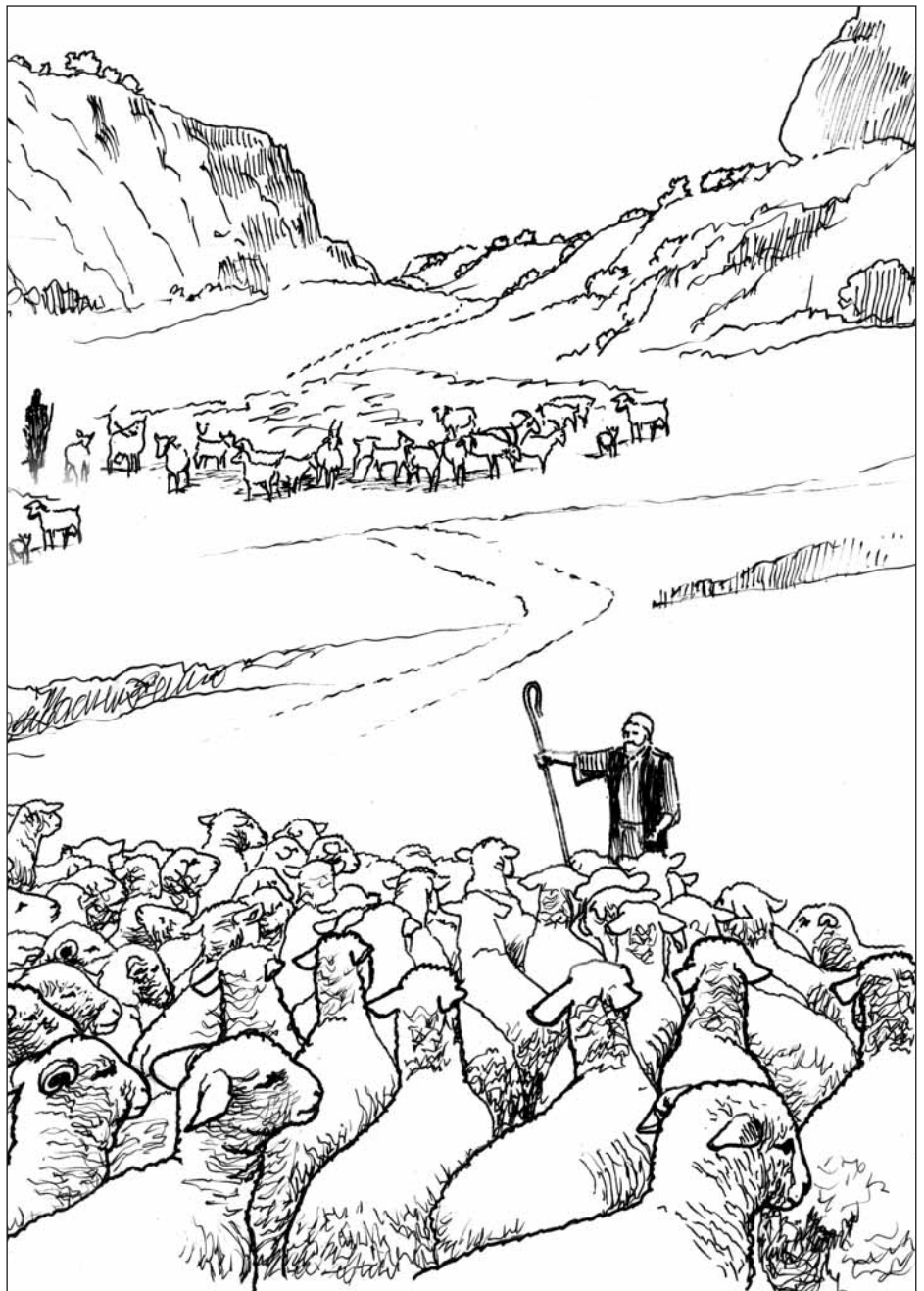
After several years of being unable to have children, Rachel was healed by God. She bore a son named Joseph.

Jacob now had a large family. Many years had passed. He wanted to return to his father, Isaac, in Canaan. But Laban did not want Jacob to leave. Jacob

was a great help and a hard worker. One day, when Laban was away, Jacob gathered his family and possessions. They began their long journey back to Canaan.

As they drew close to Canaan, Jacob heard that Esau was coming to meet him. Jacob was worried that his brother would come to kill him. So he prayed to God for protection.

That night, both camps rested. Jacob walked away and left his family alone for a while. When he was far from camp, someone snatched him and began to wrestle with him. Jacob quickly recognized that he was not wrestling with a regular person. He was wrestling with the God Being who would



later become Jesus Christ. God caused Jacob's hip to be displaced. Despite the great pain, Jacob would not give up until God blessed him. They wrestled the entire evening. He changed his name to Israel, which means champion, or an overcomer. Jacob fit this name well because he would not give up wrestling with God until He blessed him.

In the morning, Jacob was



happy to see Esau coming toward him. And Esau was glad to see Jacob. He did not want to kill him. The brothers met, hugged and cried because they were overjoyed to see each other again.



Jacob continued his journey back to Canaan. During the trip, Rachel gave birth to their 12th son, Benjamin. Rachel died during childbirth.

Jacob finally reached the land of Canaan. His father, Isaac, lived to be a very old man, 180 years old. Jacob and his family lived in Canaan for many years.



BIBLE MEMORY: Genesis 28:3

JACOB'S FAMILY WORD SEARCH

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be forward or
backward.

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ESAU
RACHEL
LEAH
ASHER
ZILPAH
REUBEN
SIMEON
LEVI
JUDAH
DAN
NAPHTALI
GAD
ISSACHAR
ZEBULUN
BENJAMIN
JOSEPH
BILHAH